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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 3
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 7th meeting, on 12 June 2000, the Committee considered the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It had before it proposals in respect of programme 3 (Peacekeeping operations).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations introduced programme 3 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities of peacekeeping operations. Appreciation was expressed regarding the quality of the narrative of the programme, which, it was considered, provided a good blueprint for the activities of peacekeeping operations. It was observed that the new format was an improvement over the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 since it was clear and concise and effectively presented the major components of the programme for peacekeeping operations. The activities of the programme represented one of the highest priorities of the Organization.

4. It was stressed that the recent surge in peacekeeping operations demanded a well-structured response from the Department, which should ensure the capacity to address a wide variety of conflict situations. Respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-

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intervention in matters that were essentially within the jurisdiction of any State was crucial to common efforts to promote international peace and security.

5. It was pointed out that in order for peacekeeping operations to be truly effective, there should be sufficient personnel and other resources to undertake peacekeeping activities. In that context, the Committee reaffirmed the paramount importance of securing staff with the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, due regard being paid to as wide a geographical basis as possible. The view was also expressed that Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations should also apply to the Security Council.

6. The emphasis given to training, the security and safety of peacekeepers in the field and gender mainstreaming was welcomed. In connection with training, the view was expressed that greater emphasis should be given to providing training for developing countries. It was further noted that recourse to training, in particular specialized training, was an important element of the strategy for the plan period. Emphasis was placed on the management of peacekeeping operations in the field and on the need for a continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of peacekeeping operations.

7. It was expressed that the capacity of the Organization for crisis management operating on short notice should be given highest priority. Attention was drawn to the increased role of civilian police components of peacekeeping operations and to the need to revise the current procedures regarding the category of reserve personnel to be used actively for peacekeeping operations. It was pointed out that care should be taken to ensure that police and military tasks are clearly differentiated. On military and/or civilian police required for the resolution of conflicts, it was emphasized that there was a need to focus on high-quality, readily deployable personnel and integrated planning.

8. The view was expressed that the Secretariat, at all times, should take into account the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. It was pointed out that regional arrangements should be utilized only under the authority of the Security Council and with full cooperation of the Governments concerned.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the approval of programme 3 (Peacekeeping operations) of the proposed medium-term plan subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 3.1:

Replace the second sentence by the following: "The legislative authority for the programme derives from the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations. The mandates of the programme are provided in resolutions of the Security Council, as well as General Assembly resolutions on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects; on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations; and on assistance in mine clearance. In respect of peacekeeping operations, legislative authority derives from decisions and resolutions of the Security Council related to particular operations";

(b) Paragraph 3.2:

(i) In the first sentence, after the words "is designed around", add the words "the close coordination of";

(ii) In the second sentence, after the words "regional agencies or arrangements", add the words "where appropriate and when the mandate and scope of regional arrangements and agencies allow them to do so";

(iii) In the fifth sentence, replace the words "As mandated by the Security Council, additional activities will include" by the words "The Security Council, in some particular peacekeeping missions, has authorized the inclusion of such activities as";

(iv) In the sixth sentence, after the words "executive law enforcement", add the words "to include criminal justice functions, as appropriate";

(v) At the beginning of the last sentence, before the words "It will", insert the words "In accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations";

(vi) After the last sentence, add the following: "The need to differentiate between peacekeeping operations and humanitarian assistance is emphasized. However, if protection of humanitarian assistance is a mandated task of a United Nations peacekeeping operation, both should be coordinated to ensure that they are not working at cross purposes and that the impartiality of humanitarian assistance is ensured";

(c) Paragraph 3.4:

(i) After the second sentence, add the following new sentence: "Given the multidimensional nature of peacekeeping operations and the relevant civilian component, more emphasis will be given, where appropriate, to the integrated approach of peacekeeping operations and to a stronger coordination among different entities of the Secretariat during the plan period";

(ii) After the last sentence, add the following new sentence: "The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will implement the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations as endorsed by the General Assembly";

(d) Paragraph 3.5:

After the words "to ensure the effective" insert the words "and rapid";

(e) Paragraph 3.6:

At the end of the second sentence, after the words "will be taken", add the words "with emphasis placed on addressing increased workload demand during the start-up phase of peacekeeping operations";

(f) Paragraph 3.9:

Replace the words "good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and humanitarian missions" with the words "as well as other activities in the field authorized by the United Nations";

(g) Replace paragraph 3.11 with the following:

"The subprogramme will ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated United Nations response to mine infestation throughout the Organization's humanitarian, social and economic assistance activities. It will serve as the focal point within the United Nations system for mine-related activities, namely, facilitation of a coherent and constructive dialogue between the United Nations and relevant actors on mine clearance, awareness and assistance; the collection, analysis and dissemination, through transparent and recognized sources, of mine-related information, including information on safety standards; advocacy to promote awareness of the serious threat that the indiscriminate use of landmines constitute to the safety, health and lives of local population; and the development and implementation of a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy. It will, in coordination with other organizations in the United Nations system, develop policies on the establishment of mine-clearance capacities in countries requesting a reduction in landmine contamination where mines constitute a serious threat to the safety, health and lives of the population. Assessment missions and surveys will be undertaken to establish priorities and oversight. Where appropriate, the subprogramme will develop mine action programmes in support of peacekeeping missions and, as required, initiate mine action plans in humanitarian emergencies;

(h) Paragraph 3.12:

Before the words "operational readiness", add the word "improved";

(i) Paragraph 3.16:

Replace the paragraph by the following: "To enhance the Organization's capacity to respond to conflicts in an efficient and prompt manner, the United Nations standby arrangements will be broadened to ensure the ready availability of data concerning the immediate capacity of Member States to deploy to new operations";

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 4. Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 8th meeting, on 13 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 4, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. The view was expressed that the use of space technology should benefit all countries and that capacity-building, space science and technology education were important elements of the programme. The importance of legal and policy issues was emphasized. The view was expressed that there should be better linkage between the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 4 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

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(a) Paragraph 4.3:

Replace the paragraph with a new paragraph reading:

"The objective of the programme is to deepen the understanding of the international community of ongoing space activities and the role that space technology can play in economic and social development, as well as to facilitate the use of space science and technology in solving problems of regional or global significance, with an emphasis on its application for sustainable development within and outside the United Nations system, taking into account the strategy to address global challenges in the future, as articulated in 'The Space Millennium: Vienna Declaration on Space and Human Development', adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), as well as the measures agreed to by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to implement the recommendations of the Conference";

(b) Paragraph 4.5:

After the first sentence, insert a new sentence reading "The Office will assist developing countries, when requested, in the development of national space legislation and ratification of existing outer space treaties";

(c) Paragraph 4.6:

(i) Replace the second sentence with a new sentence reading "It will be expanded to include activities to reach young professionals, university students and the private sector, where appropriate";

(ii) Before the last sentence, insert a new sentence reading "The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will seek enhanced involvement of appropriate non-governmental organizations in its work";

(d) Paragraph 4.9:

Insert two new subparagraphs reading:

"(d) An improvement in the indigenous capabilities among Member States for utilizing space technology for economic and social development;

"(e) An increase in and further enhancement of training opportunities for developing countries, including fellowships provided to individuals from developing countries to participate in workshops, expert meetings and training courses on various topics of space science and technology and its application."

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 5
Legal affairs

1. At its 8th meeting, on 13 June 2000, the Committee considered the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2000-2005. It had before it proposals in respect of programme 5, Legal affairs.

2. The Legal Counsel introduced programme 5 and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, the importance of which was underscored. The proposed plan for the programme was considered to be well structured for steering the work of the Office of Legal Affairs on the right course.

4. The computerization of treaty registration and publication and the efforts that had been made by the Office of Legal Affairs to eliminate the backlog in the *Treaty Series* were appreciated. This was a good example of how modern technology could be used to improve efficiency. Appreciation was also expressed for the increasing use of the Internet as a medium for the dissemination of publications emanating from the Office. It was also stressed that the issuance of publications in printed form continued to be justified, since the availability of the Internet was still limited in many countries.

5. It was suggested that the Office of Legal Affairs should continue to improve the quality of the administrative issuances, in order to ensure their consistency with

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the Charter of the United Nations, the decisions of the intergovernmental bodies, particularly the General Assembly, and the regulations and rules of the Organization.

6. Concern was expressed that some aspects of the work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea might overlap with the mandate of the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. In this context, it was noted that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea had clearly delineated the areas of work of each of the entities in question. The Division should be responsive to the recommendations and priorities that emanated from the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea.

Conclusion and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 5, Legal affairs, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) ***Paragraph 5.1***

Replace the paragraph with the following text:

"The general objective of the programme is to promote a better understanding of and respect for the principles and norms of international law by Member States in order to support the accomplishment of the objectives of the United Nations";

(b) ***Paragraph 5.4***

In the second sentence, before the word "strengthen", add the words "aim to";

(c) ***Paragraph 5.5***

Replace the paragraph with the following text:

"The objective of this subprogramme is to assist the principal organs of the United Nations by providing legal advice";

(d) ***Paragraph 5.7***

Replace the words "United Nations law" with the words "international law and the principles and norms contained in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as pertinent decisions of relevant intergovernmental organs of the Organization";

(e) ***Paragraph 5.9***

After the paragraph, add a new paragraph reading:

"A further objective of this subprogramme is to ensure that, as subsidiary organs of the United Nations, the ad hoc International Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda operate in accordance with the Charter, rules, regulations and policies of the United Nations, including the *Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation*, and that, as judicial organs, they act independently of States and the Security Council. In the framework of this subprogramme, the Office of Legal Affairs will advise

the Security Council on legal aspects of the activities of the Tribunals and will advise the Tribunals on their relationship with third States, relevant peacekeeping operations and the host countries.";

(f) ***Paragraph 5.10***

Replace the paragraph with the following text: "Expected accomplishments would include more qualitative legal advice to principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations";

(g) ***Paragraph 5.12***

Add a second sentence, reading:

"This would include assisting the Organization (Headquarters, regional commissions, other United Nations offices away from Headquarters and peacekeeping and other missions) and other United Nations organizations in the day-to-day administration of their mandates and programmes, through the provision of legal services";

(h) ***Paragraph 5.16***

Insert the word "better" before the word "compliance";

(i) ***Paragraph 5.19***

At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "and implementation of General Assembly resolutions on terrorism, including General Assembly resolution 54/110";

(j) ***Paragraph 5.20***

At the end of the paragraph, add a sentence reading: "Substantive support will also be provided to special committees and open-ended groups established by the Sixth Committee as well as to the International Law Commission";

(k) ***Paragraph 5.21***

Before the last sentence, add a sentence reading: "Increased efforts would be undertaken to make legal instruments available on the web sites in all six official languages of the United Nations, as soon as possible and in conformity with existing mandates governing this issue";

(l) ***Paragraph 5.23***

(i) After the words "process of codification", add the words "dealing with issues of major international concern";

(ii) Add another indicator reading: "an increase in adherence by States to existing instruments";

(iii) At the end of the paragraph, add a sentence reading: "Increased timeliness and availability of codification of international law and legal instruments in all six official languages of the United Nations";

(m) ***Paragraph 5.30***

At the end of the paragraph, add a sentence reading: "The full participation of the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in

both the informal consultative process on oceans and law of the sea and the Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas of the Administrative Committee on Coordination is envisaged";

(n) ***Paragraph 5.31***

At the end of the paragraph, add the words "in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea";

(o) ***Paragraph 5.36***

At the end of the paragraph, add a sentence reading: "Attention will also be given to issues arising from the increasing importance of electronic commerce in international trade";

(p) ***Paragraph 5.46***

Add another indicator of achievement as follows: "the timely, as appropriate, registration of treaties by States, in conformity with Article 102 of the Charter";

(q) Legislative mandates

Add the following General Assembly resolutions related to subprogramme 3:

3006 (XXVII)	**United Nations Juridical Yearbook**
50/53	**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**
51/210	**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**
52/165	**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**
53/108	**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**
54/102	**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**
54/107	**Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations Related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions**
54/110	**Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**

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Programme 6. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services

1. At its 9th meeting, on 13 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (Prog. 6)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced programme 6 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion*

3. The proposed programme was generally supported, in view of the importance of the work undertaken by the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and the efforts demonstrated in improving its work.

4. The importance of the provision of timely and high-quality documentation in all official languages of the United Nations, as well as of availability of interpretation services, including the meetings of regional groups, was emphasized. In this context, concern was expressed that the quality of translation done on a contractual basis had not always been consistent and that the arrangement should be kept under review. The introduction and use of new technology by the Department

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was welcomed, and it was emphasized that it should be geared towards improving the quality and efficiency of work. The use of the Optical Disk System was noted with satisfaction. It was expressed that expansion of a new technology in the distribution of documentation should not be considered as a substitution of the traditional means of distribution, which should continue.

5. Support was expressed for the efforts made in expanding the sharing of workload among the various conference centres of the Organization and in the transformation of specific conference services into a United Nations common service. In this context, with reference to paragraph 6.2, views were expressed that efficiency should be strengthened at all conference-servicing centres and not only at Vienna, and that development of conference services as common services should be one of the objectives of the programme.

6. Concern was expressed about the fact that conference services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi had not been included in the formulation of the programme, as all United Nations conference centres should be treated equally. To that end, reference was made to General Assembly resolution 54/248 of 23 December 1999, which addressed a number of issues related to the United Nations Office at Nairobi. It was underlined that conference services at that Office should be included in the overall orientation of the programme and that they should also formulate part of the strategies proposed under subprogrammes 2, 3 and 4.

7. It was noted with concern that there was a tendency for the United Nations Environment Programme to hold some of its meetings in other locations rather than at Nairobi. In this connection, views were expressed that the "headquarters rule" in relation to meetings of the United Nations intergovernmental and treaty organs located at Nairobi should be upheld and reinforced.

8. The objectives proposed under the programme were supported, except subprogramme 2. With regard to subprogramme 2, paragraph 6.10, views were expressed that the first objective was too restrictive and should be reformulated, as it implied budgetary constraints. It was also pointed out that rationalization of the allocation of resources was not a primary target, but rather one of the means for improving efficiency of conference services and, therefore, could not be an objective in the medium-term plan. Views were expressed that enhancement of the conference-servicing capacity of the Organization should be an objective of subprogramme 2.

9. It was stated that outsourcing of common conference-servicing needs, document production and printing should be pursued where economically viable and that this should be considered as a separate objective for subprogramme 2.

10. With regard to the expected accomplishment proposed for subprogramme 3, it was stated that, as indicated in paragraph 6.16, the term "progressive enhancement" was not time-limited, and that the achievement of an objective should at least have a time-frame, in order for an assessment to be made as to whether or not the objective had been met within a certain time.

11. It was observed that the indicators of achievement proposed in paragraphs 6.13, 6.17 and 6.21 were too general to allow for a determination as to whether the objectives of the subprogrammes had been reached. Suggestions were made that there should be a specific mechanism established to measure the degree of satisfaction of Member States on programme performance and that relevant

resolutions adopted by United Nations organs should be utilized in measuring the achievement of objectives. It was also expressed that achievement indicators should be established through a dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat.

12. It was stated that there should be no reference made to remote interpretation in paragraph 6.19 of subprogramme 4, as it had not been adopted by the General Assembly or any other intergovernmental body as an interpretation mode. While it was supported, remote interpretation should only be used for the United Nations meetings and conferences held outside the established United Nations locations and should not become a regular interpretation arrangement.

13. A query was raised on paragraphs 6.4 and 6.6 on the role of the programme as it related to conducting research and preparing analytical studies on the rules and procedures and on the application and interpretation of the provisions of the relevant articles of the Charter of the United Nations.

14. It was observed that paragraph 6.5 should make a reference to seminars organized by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples among the activities which would be serviced in the context of subprogramme 1.

Conclusions and recommendations

15. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the approval of programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Overall orientation:

(i) In the first sentence of paragraph 6.1, under (b), after the words "at Headquarters and at", the words "the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) and the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)" should be replaced with the words "the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office at Nairobi";

(ii) The last sentence of paragraph 6.2 should be deleted and replaced by the following: "Further steps should be taken to establish new unified conference-servicing facilities as a United Nations common service and to strengthen the efficiency of existing unified conference-servicing facilities as a United Nations common service.";

(iii) After paragraph 6.2, a new paragraph 6.3 should be inserted, reading: "The Department will take the necessary steps to strengthen the efficiency and increase the utilization of the conference-servicing facility at Nairobi." All subsequent paragraphs should be renumbered accordingly;

(b) Paragraph 6.3, Objectives: In the second sentence, after the words "Other Matters related to the Security Council" replace the comma with the word "and"; after the words "Development in Africa," delete "and the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations";

(c) Paragraph 6.5, Strategy: The phrase ", regional seminars," should be added after the words "visiting missions";

(d) Paragraph 6.10, Objectives: The paragraph should be replaced with the following:

> **"The main objective of the subprogramme is to improve the global planning and coordination of conference services with rational allocation and capacity utilization of the existing conference resources. Another objective is to ensure that intergovernmental bodies, special conferences and Member States in general have access to meeting and documentation services in accordance with the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the various bodies and organs of the United Nations.";**

(e) Paragraph 6.11, Strategy: In the first sentence, the words "Geneva and Vienna" should be replaced with the words "Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi";

(f) Paragraph 6.12, Expected accomplishment: The paragraph should be replaced with the following:

> **"An expected accomplishment would be improved quality and efficiency of conference services provided to the United Nations organs and satisfaction of all requirements in this regard. Another expected accomplishment would be the implementation of the practice of unified conference servicing in other United Nations conference facilities where feasible and more cost-effective, without adversely affecting the quality of services provided.";**

(g) Paragraph 6.15, Strategy: In the first sentence, the words "Geneva and Vienna" should be replaced with the words "Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi";

(h) Paragraph 6.16, Expected accomplishment: The words "a progressive" should be replaced with the word "the";

(i) Paragraph 6.17, Indicator of achievement: After the word "receive" the phrase ", and an evaluation of the timeliness of documents produced, while taking into account the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly," should be inserted;

(j) Paragraph 6.19, Strategy:

(i) In the first sentence, the words "Geneva and Vienna" should be replaced with the words "Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi";

(ii) At the end of the second sentence, the phrase ", while ensuring that the quality of interpretation is not affected" should be inserted after the words "General Assembly resolutions";

(iii) At the end of the fifth sentence, the phrase "while not affecting the traditional means" should be inserted after the phrase "in the distribution area";

(k) Paragraph 6.21, Indicators of achievement: Under indicator (b), the phrase "in the six official languages simultaneously" should be added at the end of the sentence;

(l) Legislative mandates:

(i) Under subprogramme 1, reference to resolutions 53/208, 54/248 and 54/249 should be added to the list of General Assembly resolutions, and reference to resolution 52/220 should be deleted;

(ii) Under subprogrammes 2, 3 and 4, reference to General Assembly resolutions 50/11 and 53/208 should be added.

16. The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to revise the operational arrangements for the conference services in Nairobi and transfer the responsibility for those services to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, with a view to the management of the conference-servicing resources in all United Nations established headquarters in an integrated manner and achievement of the most efficient utilization of the resources, and to report on the implementation of that reorganization in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.